

## **Some Remarks on the Distribution of Robber Flies (Diptera: Asilidae) in Turkey**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Members of the family Asilidae originated from the area of Turkey are presented in this article. A total of 2,436 insect individuals representing 102 species were determined. 24 species from this number are new for Turkish fauna. The collected material is deposited in authors' private collections, Mr. Malý's collection (Prague) and in the collection of the Východoèeské Museum in Hradec Králové.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Relatively small attention has been given to robber flies of Turkey in the past. This fact was not changed even though there were many species collected in Turkey and determined as brand new species. A total of 69 new species were distinguished (see Hasbenli & Geller-Grim 1999; Kováø and Hradský 1995; Lehr 1988). Despite this fact no review summarizing and evaluating known data on individual species distribution in Turkey was elaborated until 1981 when Giray published his work "A preliminary list of the fauna Turkish Asilidae (Diptera)". In this work he summarized data published in the past as well as his own unpublished findings. The reported a total of 131 species occurring in Turkey.

Other important studies were published no earlier than 1994, 13 years after that of Giray. The fauna of Erzurum and adjacent provinces was evaluated by